

**What is claimed:**

1. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure  
5 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure  
10 including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold  
15 structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.
2. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.
3. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.
4. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a  
5 releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.
5. The reclosable bag of claim 4 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.
6. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.
7. The parent film material of claim 6 wherein the

areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

8. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

9. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

10. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

11. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend non-linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

12. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

13. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.
14. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.
15. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.
16. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.
17. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.
18. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.
19. The reclosable bag of claim 18 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.
20. The reclosable bag of claim 19 wherein said tear path is hermetic.
21. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and

said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being  
20 coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being  
25 located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

22. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said areas of structural weakness are hermetic.

23. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said fill opening is located generally opposite said fold structure.

24. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure is larger than said second fin structure.

25. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure each include a distal margin; said distal margins facing each other and at least one distal margin being coated with a  
5 releasable adhesive material.

26. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein said distal margins are releasably coupled to each other by said releasable adhesive material.

27. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein at least one said distal margin is coated with said releasable adhesive material and said distal margin is coupled to a predetermined portion of said web material.

28. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure are integral to each other and include a predetermined area of structural weakness located between said coupling portion

5 of said first fin structure and said coupling portion of  
said second fin structure.

29. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food  
product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one  
sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure,  
at least one fold structure, and an opening located  
5 generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable  
fastener structure including at least one integral skirt  
structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said  
integral skirt structure including at least one distal  
margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web  
10 material at, at least one location between said tear tape  
structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener  
structure extending past said tear tape structure and  
into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of  
being filled with at least one food product.

30. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food  
product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one  
sheet of web material having at least one fold structure  
presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside  
5 surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said  
fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including  
an integral skirt structure comprising a web material  
extending therefrom and including opposed distal margin  
structures; said web material of said integral skirt  
10 structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a  
plurality of predetermined sealing areas; a barrier web  
material extending between and coupled to said distal  
margin structures.

31. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier  
web material extends between and is coupled to said  
sidewall structures.

32. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier  
web material is coupled to at least one of said sidewall  
structures by at least one peelable seal.

33. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said predetermined sealing areas are located on said respective sidewall structures.

34. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to said predetermined sealing areas by at least one peelable seal.

35. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

36. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

37. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and  
5 an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin  
10 being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear area and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

38. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at least one header material located in a predetermined area of said fold structure.

39. The reclosable bag of claim 38 wherein said header material includes at least one edge structure adjacent said tear area.

40. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at

least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to said tear area.

41. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having a propensity to tear along at last two predetermined tear areas; having at least one  
5 fold structure located between and defined by said two tear areas, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a  
10 distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said two tear areas and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said two tear areas and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being  
15 filled with at least one food product through said opening.

42. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

43. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

44. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a  
5 releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

45. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

46. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

47. The parent film material of claim 46 wherein the tear areas are integral to said parent film.
48. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.
49. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.
50. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.
51. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.
52. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.
53. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.
54. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.
55. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise perforations.
56. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise scoring.
57. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise microperforations.
58. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.
59. The reclosable bag of claim 58 wherein at least one layer of said multiple laminate film material includes said tear areas.
60. The reclosable bag of claim 59 wherein said tear areas are hermetic.
61. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure



located between at least two predetermined areas having  
5 a propensity to tear in a predetermined direction and  
presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside  
surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said  
fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure, located  
10 in said fold structure, including a skirt structure  
comprising a web material extending therefrom and  
including opposed distal margin structures; said web  
material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to  
said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined  
sealing areas.

62. The reclosable bag of claim 61 further comprising  
a barrier web material extending between and coupled to  
said distal margin structures.

63. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for  
filling with at least one food product, said reclosable  
bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material  
including a first area of structural weakness and a  
5 second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web  
material including at least one fold structure located  
between and defined by said first and second areas of  
structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of  
web material including a first panel coupled to said fold  
10 structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness  
and a second panel coupled to said fold structure  
adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a  
reclosable fastener structure including a male track  
structure and a female track structure; said male track  
15 structure including a first fin structure of web material  
extending therefrom and said female track structure  
including a second fin structure of web material  
extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a  
predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of  
20 said first fin structure being coupled to said first  
panel and said coupling portion of said second fin

structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said  
25 areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening, said method comprising:  
30 folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure;  
inserting said reclosable fastener into said fold structure;  
coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt  
35 structure to said web material;  
sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure;  
filling said reclosable bag with at least one food  
40 product through said opening; and sealing said opening.  
64. The method of claim 63 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas occurs last.  
65. The method of claim 63 wherein the first step is  
5 coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material prior to folding said sheet of web material.  
66. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two  
5 predetermined linear areas.  
67. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step

5 of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

68. The method of claim 63 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure.

69. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear area and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product, said method comprising: folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure; inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure; coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material; sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure; filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and sealing said opening.

70. The method of claim 69 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear

areas occurs last.

71. The method of claim 69 wherein the first step is coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material prior to folding said sheet of web material.

72. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

73. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

74. The method of claim 69 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure.

75. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said

opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending  
past said areas of structural weakness; said reclosable  
15 bag capable of being filled with at least one food  
product through said opening.

76. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said  
reclosable fastener structure extends over said fold  
structure.

77. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the skirt web  
material is integral to the reclosable fastener  
structure.

78. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the skirt web  
material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

79. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the web  
material includes an outside surface and an inside  
surface; the inside surface including a predetermined  
area having a releasable adhesive material thereon;  
5 whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

80. The reclosable bag of claim 79 wherein the peelable  
seal, when formed, is hermetic.

81. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said web  
material of said reclosable bag is substantially  
comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having  
predetermined dimensions.

82. The parent film material of claim 81 wherein the  
areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent  
film.

83. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas  
of structural weakness extend linearly across a  
predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

84. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the  
predetermined dimension is width.

85. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the  
predetermined dimension is length.

86. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas  
of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a

predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

87. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

88. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

89. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

90. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

91. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

92. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

93. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

94. The reclosable bag of claim 93 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

95. The reclosable bag of claim 94 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

96. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said

opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending  
past said areas of structural weakness and over said fold  
15 structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled  
with at least one food product through said opening.

97. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the skirt web  
material is integral to the reclosable fastener  
structure.

98. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the skirt web  
material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

99. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the web  
material includes an outside surface and an inside  
surface; the inside surface including a predetermined  
area having a releasable adhesive material thereon;  
5 whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

100. The reclosable bag of claim 99 wherein the peelable  
seal, when formed, is hermetic.

101. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said web  
material of said reclosable bag is substantially  
comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having  
predetermined dimensions.

102. The parent film material of claim 101 wherein the  
areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent  
film.

103. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas  
of structural weakness extend linearly across a  
predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

104. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the  
predetermined dimension is width.

105. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the  
predetermined dimension is length.

106. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas  
of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a  
predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web  
material.

107. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the

predetermined dimension is width.

108. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

109. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

110. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

111. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

112. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

113. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

114. The reclosable bag of claim 113 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

115. The reclosable bag of claim 114 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

116. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure, at least one fold structure, and an opening located
- 5 generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web
- 10 material at, at least one location between said tear tape structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear tape structure and over said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

117. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food



product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure  
5 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening located between said fold structure and said gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure  
10 of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure  
15 extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

118. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

119. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

120. The reclosable bag of claim 118 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface, and wherein, each of said surfaces includes a respective upper and lower portion.

121. The reclosable bag of claim 120 further including a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and said opening;

5 said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon;

whereby said portion of said backing strip may be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral

skirt.

122. The reclosable bag of claim 121 wherein said backing strip extends below said lower portion of said inside surface.

123. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

124. The parent film material of claim 123 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

125. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

126. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

127. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

128. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

129. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

130. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

131. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

132. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

133. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

134. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas

of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

135. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

136. The reclosable bag of claim 135 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

137. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness;

said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness,

a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure;

and a fill opening located generally between said fold portion and said gusseted portion;

a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure;

said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom;

each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portions coupled to said web material;

one of said fin structures being located adjacent said fill opening and including a backing strip;

said backing strip located generally opposite said fill opening;

said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure;

said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at

30 least one food product through said fill opening.  
138. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for  
filling with at least one food product; said reclosable  
bag including at least one sheet of web material having  
at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one  
5 fold structure located between and defined by said two  
areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located  
generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening  
located generally between said fold structure and said  
gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener assembly  
10 including a skirt structure of skirt web material  
extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a  
distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said  
web material at, at least one location between said areas  
of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable  
15 fastener assembly extending past said areas of structural  
weakness and into said fold structure; a backing strip  
located opposite said opening and between said skirt  
structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled  
with at least one food product, said method comprising:  
20 folding said sheet of web material along a  
predetermined folding area to produce said fold  
structure;  
attaching said backing strip to said skirt  
structure;  
25 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into  
said fold structure;  
coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt  
structure to said web material;  
folding said web material to produce said gusseted  
30 portion;  
sealing said web material along at least two  
predetermined linear areas located generally  
perpendicular to said fold structure;  
filling said reclosable bag with at least one food

35 product through said opening; and  
sealing said opening.

139. The method of claim 138 further including the step  
of inserting and sealing a header material into said  
predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of  
sealing said web along at least two predetermined linear  
5 areas.

140. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food  
product, said reclosable bag comprising:

a reclosable fastener assembly coupled to said  
reclosable bag;

5 said reclosable bag having a gusseted portion  
located substantially opposite said reclosable fastener  
assembly;

said reclosable bag further including at least one  
side opening located between said reclosable fastener  
assembly and said gusseted portion of said reclosable bag  
10 for filling with at least one food product.

141. The reclosable bag of claim 140 wherein said  
reclosable fastener assembly includes a skirt structure  
of skirt web material extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin.

142. The reclosable bag of claim 141 wherein the  
integral-skirt includes an outside surface and an inside  
surface, and wherein each of said surfaces includes a  
respective upper and lower portion.

143. The reclosable bag of claim 142 further including  
a backing strip located opposite said opening and between  
said inside surface and said opening;

said backing strip extending below said lower  
5 portion of said inside surface;

said backing strip including two opposed surfaces,  
at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an  
adhesive deposited thereon;

whereby said portion of said backing strip may be

10 adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.

144. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material;

5 a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location;

10 a gusseted structure located opposite said reclosable fastener structure;

an opening located between said reclosable fastener structure and said gusseted structure; and

said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

145. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

5 at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness;

a gusseted structure located opposite said fold structure;

10 a reclosable fastener including a skirt structure extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location located between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted structure;

15 and

said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure.

146. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for

filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure  
5 extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location; a gusseted structure located opposite said reclosable fastener structure; an opening located between said reclosable  
10 fastener structure and said gusseted structure; said method comprising:

coupling said distal margin of said skirt structure to said web material;

15 folding said web material to produce said gusseted structure;

sealing said web material along at least one predetermined area located generally perpendicular to said gusseted structure;

20 filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and

sealing said opening.

147. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one  
5 fold structure located between and defined by said at least two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including a skirt structure extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a  
10 distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted portion; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said  
15 reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one

food product, said method comprising:

folding said skirt of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure;

20 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure;

coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

25 folding said web material to produce said gusseted portion; and

sealing said web material along at least one predetermined linear area located generally perpendicular to said fold structure.